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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1159

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG
SUBJECT: DISPUTE BETWEEN OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM AND
LIBYAN GOVERNMENT

1. MFA NORTH AMERICAN DIRECTOR SHAABAN ASKED CHARGE TO SEE HIM LAST EVENING. HE SAID UNDERSECRETARY DURDAH WANTED US TO KNOW THAT OCCIDENTAL OFFICIALS IN U.S. HAS INSTRUCTED COMPANY HERE BY TELEX TO SEND TWO AMERICAN AND TWO BRITISH CITIZENS TO TRIPOLI AIRPORT AND DEMAND TO BE ALLOWED TO DEPART LIBYA. ACCORDING TO SHAABAN'S INFO, IF FOUR WERE DENIED EXIT, THEY WERE TO PROTEST TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES.

2. SHAABAN SAID THIS WAS PROVOCATION BY OCCIDENTAL,
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AND ATTEMPT BY COMPANY TO INVOLVE USG IN THE DISPUTE. (SHAABAN WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ON OXY

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QUESTION AND DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE INSTRUCTION
WAS GIVEN TO OXY OFFICIALS IN TRIPOLI.)

3. CHARGE SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS
MATTER AND WOULD REPORT LARG'S CONCERN ABOUT
AVOIDING INVOLVING TWO GOVERNMENTS IN DISPUTE.
WE HOPED OXY EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME
AND GO FREELY.

4. DURING MEETING WITH COMPANY OFFICIALS OCTOBER 14,
WE ASKED WHETHER COMPANY HAD MADE RECENT ATTEMPT
TO TEST THE RESTRICTIONS. OFFICIALS ADMITTED
FOUR PERSONS WOULD BE GOING TO AIRPORT THIS
AFTERNOON, BUT CLAIMED IT WAS ON THEIR
OWN INITIATIVE. WE ARE MORE INCLINED TO THINK
THESE ARE TWO AMERICAN AND TWO UK CITIZENS
SHAABAN MENTIONED.
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